

Here's another chance to support downtown Arlington restaurants, for a charitable cause

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Spring in Texas has always been a perfect time to go to the drive-in.

Folks in Arlington can enjoy good food and free live music as Downtown Arlington Management Corporation is hosting a Drive-In Restaurant Rally, Thursday through Sunday. The event is a call to action in support of small and locally owned businesses.

The restaurant rally coincides with the [Texas Rangers' Concert in Your Car](#) live music event, which will be held nearby in a lot adjacent to Globe Life Field.

“Downtown Arlington has built a solid reputation over the last decade for our homegrown restaurant and bar scene, locally brewed craft beer, and start-up communities,” said Maggie Campbell, President and CEO of DAMC. “These businesses have shown incredible resiliency in the face of the coronavirus pandemic, but now they need our help. If we rally for them, they will rally for us.”

Partial proceeds generated benefit Mission Arlington, a nonprofit that provides services such as food, clothing, and medical care to families in need.

Also, patrons will have the option to make additional contributions directly.

Participating downtown restaurants and bars offer a variety of dine-in, carry-out and curbside pick-up options, and many have expanded patio and outdoor seating. In addition to local favorites, there are a number of new, recently opened restaurants ready to be discovered.

A full list of participating businesses and their rally offers can be found at downtownarlington.org/events/rally.

With Gov. Greg Abbott's latest order, downtown restaurants are opening their dining areas to 50% occupancy, and bar owners are opening up to 25% occupancy, Campbell said.

“They will all still struggle to cover costs at 50%, so our restaurant rally is a way for our local residents to help support our local economy and downtown while helping a great cause,” she said.